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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Before beginning examination and calculating the fees in this application, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification on page 1, by replacing the paragraph starting on line 3 with the following paragraph:

--This application is a Continuation application from US Application No. 08/511,076 filed August 3, 1995 which is a continuation in part from US Application No. 08/396,569 filed March 1, 1995, the contents of both of which are hereby incorporated by reference --

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice or disclaimer and add claims 9-14 as follows:

--9.(New) A stent having a plurality of segments and comprising:  
a plurality of annular elements, each annular element having a compressed state and an expanded state;  
at least one connecting member connecting adjacent annular elements to form a plurality of cells, each cell having an area;

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